

## STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ESTIMATED ACREAGE UNDER CEREALS FOR GRAIN, HAY AND FODDER, SEASON 1927-28.TOTAL INCREASE 154,000 ACRES.

Wheat 3,166,000 Acres - Increase 163,000 Acres.  
 Barley 231,000 Acres - Decrease 38,000 Acres.  
 Oats 476,000 Acres - Increase 29,000 Acres.

At least 90% of the Wheat Crop will be reaped.

DIVISION	WHEAT.		BARLEY	OATS	TOTAL
	1926-27	1927-28			
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Central	604,919	606,740	161,990	98,180	866,910
Lower North	824,890	820,700	43,300	62,285	926,285
Upper North	248,378	272,850	950	4,700	278,500
South Eastern	33,457	35,490	9,530	41,595	80,615
Western	637,975	722,030	6,995	124,860	853,885
Murray Mallee	654,048	708,400	8,450	144,300	861,150
Total State, 1927-28		3,166,210	231,215	475,920	3,873,345
" 1926-27		3,003,667	268,950	446,459	3,719,076
Increase 1927-28 over 1926-27		162,543	-37,735	29,461	154,269
Total State, 1925-26		2,734,771	247,416	428,026	3,410,213
" 1924-25		2,815,183	173,608	423,555	3,412,346
" 1923-24		2,814,027	190,581	415,068	3,419,676
" 1922-23		2,830,591	219,591	393,462	3,443,644

SEASONAL PROSPECTS TO AUGUST 31ST. In view of the general shortage of early seasonal rains, the increased area reported as sown is most satisfactory. With the exception of the Upper Northern Division and areas approaching the River Murray the general prospects for an average crop are reasonably good, specially in the Western Division though in view of the absence of reserves of moisture owing to general falls to date being so much below the average, the September, October and even November rains will be anxiously anticipated.

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